

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Retroreflective sheeting comprising a retroreflective base having a light-incident layer on the light-incident side thereof and a fluorine-containing resin film having a total light transmittance of 80% or more which is laminated on said light-incident layer on contact with an adhesive layer, wherein a printed layer made of discontinuous and individual printed parts is provided between said fluorine-containing resin film and said adhesive layer,

the discontinuous and printed parts being isolated from one another, a maximum printed length of each part being 10 mm or smaller, an interval of isolation between each part and an adjacent part being at least 1 mm at the narrowest.

2. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said printed layer is formed of a printing ink composition comprising at least one

binder resin selected from the group consisting of fluorine-containing resins, acrylic resins, polyester resins, urethane resins, and vinyl chloride resins.

3. (previously presented) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said printed layer is a layer of a repetitive pattern made up of individual printed parts of a same design which are isolated from one another.

4. (currently amended) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 3, wherein the maximum printed length of said individual printed parts [[are]] is each 10 mm ~~or smaller~~.

5. (currently amended) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 3, wherein the interval of said printed parts is 1 mm ~~or more~~ at the narrowest.

6. (currently amended) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein the total area of said printed layer is 80% or less based on the entire area of said light-incident layer.--

7. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said fluorine-resin containing film has its side to be in contact with said printed layer treated by a surface treatment so as to have a surface tension of 31 dyne/cm or more.

8. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 7, wherein said surface treatment is a corona discharge treatment.

9. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said fluorine-containing resin film has a total light transmittance of 85% or more.

10. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said fluorine-containing resin film comprises tetrafluoroethylene-ethylene copolymers or polyvinylidene fluoride.

11. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 10, wherein said tetrafluoroethylene-ethylene copolymers have a tetrafluoroethylene unit content of 15 to 85% by weight.

12. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

13. (currently amended) A retroreflective sheet, comprising:

a retroreflective base provided with a surface layer on a light-incident side;

an adhesive layer provided on and in contact with the light-incident side of the retroreflective base;

a printed layer of discontinuous and individual printed parts provided on and in contact with the adhesive layer; and

a fluorine-containing resin film having a total light transmittance of at least 80% provided on said adhesive layer and on said printed layer, the resin film contacting the printed layer and contacting the adhesive layer in areas apart from the printed layer,

the discontinuous and printed parts being isolated from one another, a maximum printed length of each part being 10 mm or smaller, an interval of isolation between each part and an adjacent part being at least 1 mm at the narrowest.

14. (currently amended) The sheeting of claim 13,
wherein the base comprises:

a ~~separating material~~ releasing layer;
an ~~additional~~ a base adhesive layer contacting
the ~~separating material~~ releasing layer;
a reflective layer provided on the ~~additional~~
base adhesive layer; and
a prism layer contacting the reflective layer,
the surface layer contacting the prism layer.

15. (currently amended) The sheeting of claim 13,
wherein the base comprises:

a ~~separating material~~ releasing layer;
an ~~additional~~ a base adhesive layer contacting
the ~~separating material~~ releasing layer;
a support layer contacting the ~~additional~~ base
adhesive layer;
a binder layer contacting the support layer;
beads embedding in the binder layer; and
a beads fixing layer covering the beads,
the surface layer contacting the beads fixing
layer.

16. (currently amended) The sheeting of claim 13,
wherein a side of the fluorine-containing film in contact
with said printed layer has a surface tension on the light-
incident side of the retroreflective base is at least 31
dynes/cm.

17. (previously presented) The sheeting of claim
13, wherein,

the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive
adhesive layer; and

the printed layer comprises plural independent
printed parts arranged in a repetitive pattern, each of the
printed parts being separated from the other printed parts,
and each one of the printed parts is a geometric duplicate
of other ones of the printed parts.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The sheeting of claim
[[18]] 17, wherein [[a]] the maximum dimension of the
independent printed parts is 10 mm.

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20. (currently amended) The sheeting of claim 19,
wherein the independent printed parts are arranged with a
separation interval of ~~at least~~ 1 mm.
